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> RE: Wildlife Impact Mitigation Plan Mercur Canyon Mine ACT/045/017 Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for providing the Division with a copy of Getty's "Wildlife Impact Mitigation Plan" for the Mercur Canyon Mine. Getty is to be commended for its concern for wildlife resources above and beyond any requirements of mining law.

The biological staff at the Division were impressed with the scope and the detail of the plan. One area of concern that was not specifically included in the plan regards raptor safety on powerlines. If powerline were constructed to be raptor-proof, this could be indicated along with inclusion of typical diagrams of power pole configurations on site. The measures that have already been taken as far as raptor nesting platforms could also be included as part of the total mitigation plan.

Thank you again for sending the report. We would appreciate receiving any further information you may compile on wildlife resources or impacts on the Mercur Canyon site.

Sincerely,

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